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EXPORT PROMOTION WITH NATIONAL DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the Ministry of Commerce promote Self Help Groups (SHGs) for employment-intensive export promotion in six thrust sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Export Promotion Council proposes to help in creating export markets for the projects of SHGs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & b) One of the strategies adopted to achieve the objective of the Foreign Trade Policy is identifying and nurturing special focus areas, which would develop additional employment opportunities, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas. However, there is no proposal as of now, to promote self help groups through Foreign Trade Policy.

c) & d) The basic objective of Export Promotion Councils is to promote and develop Indian exports for all categories including self-help groups.